

## LITTLE ELISIE LESLIE.

HOW AND WHERE SHE PASSED THE WARM MONTHS.

Mistress of a Picturesque Cottage in the Green Mountains—The Jokes She Plays on Her Mother.

Nestling in the shadows of the Green Mountains and sheltered by their towering sides stands a quaint little cottage, the Summer home of Elsie Leslie, the child actress. It is four miles from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the shores of placid Lake St. Catherine. A green lawn leads down to the lake, where a little wharf with a rustic Summer house at its extremity juts into the water, affording refuge for a couple of dainty flag-decked rowboats, in which Miss Elsie takes daily exercise. A big St. Bernard dog named Milton can be found lolling under the tree. Lazy as he looks, he keeps a sharp eye on his young mistress, of whom he is very fond. He has already rescued Elsie from the deep waters of the lake.



ELSIE LESLIE.

A broad piazza embraces the Leslie house on three sides and is rarely unoccupied, so enticing are its shady loggias, so luxurious are the half a dozen hammocks, so quiet is its absolute exclusion, and so grand is the scenery visible from this shady retreat.

It is here that Miss Elsie dresses her dolls or lectures them with motherly tenderness. Here, too, she reads her favorite books and studies the part of Rosalind in "As You Like It," with which character she has fallen deeply in love. Pictures of the child as Fanny, Prince Edward and Elsie, ornament the walls, while the floors are covered with white Turkish rugs. A banjo leans carelessly against a huge brass lamp and its duty is, through the medium of Miss Elsie's fingers, to locate and describe "Miss Maggie Murphy's Home," or the trials and tribulations of "Wang." A guitar hangs by a long, narrow ribbon, and often times the notes of "Old Maid" are coaxed by the elder sister. The entire elation of the house is charming and luxurious, rest-cumpleting and peaceful.

As in old Southern houses, the cottage is rambling in architecture, nearly all the rooms opening on a central little passage leading from the main room. Elsie, her mother and two sisters form the household, which is often augmented by guests, who invariably are charmed at the loveliness of the surroundings and the hospitality of the inmates. Miss Elsie is known far and near among the country folks and university circles. Every caller that she receives (and they are legion) is treated with a courtesy that is particularly her own.

The routine of her life in the country is simple. Early in the morning she rises and the tap of her dainty heels on the uncarpeted floor of her room announces to the family below that her toilet is progressing. The family generally has assembled at breakfast when she marches down the stairs with her boots unbuttoned. All operations are suspended until this is remedied and her dress hooked behind. Her eyes, still drowsy with sleep, turn from one to another as she bids one and all "Good morning" in the softest, sweetest voice in the world.

Elsie likes milk and eggs and these form her breakfast. When her appetite is satisfied she seeks the veranda and proceeds to dress her doll in a new costume. Of all the expensive dolls ever which she exercises maternal care over, that which represents an investment of six cents is her favorite.

When the doll is dressed she and her big dog Milton go for a stroll. Together they climb the mountain side, where, finding some one that commands a view of the lake, she takes up her position and studies a bit of Rosalind. It is hard work for her to get back at dinner time, and she is often late.

Elsie is a joker, and worries her mother in fun. She has a bit of red rag on a toothpick and whenever any dining on the table grows low, Elsie solemnly sticks the red rag into it, thus warning all comers off. Her afternoons are usually passed on the lake fishing, or drifting idly about with her sisters, surrounding her banjo or concealing jokes to play on her mother.

During the evening she delights in imitating or burlesquing prominent actors she has seen. "Wang" is her favorite opera, and she gives it as a monologue, even introducing a skirt dance, which is all her own. At 8 she goes to bed. But she awakens when others go to their apartments later in the evening, and she often late.

He found her alone standing at the library window when he entered unannounced, and she hardly started as he put a fond arm about her waist. "If you are the girl I take you to be," he began tenderly, when he was interrupted by a brilliant voice:

## TWO INFANT PRODIGES.

A Young Pianist and a Young Novelist, Each Eight Years Old.

Two bright little New Yorkers are attracting considerable attention now by their precocity. One is Michael Zadora and the other Louis Torpette. The latter is the eight-year-old son of Senator Balducci Torpette. The former is the eight-year-old son of Senator Balducci Zadora. Both are from New York City. Michael Zadora is in school at St. Francis Xavier's College. He is a youth of literary tastes, and once he wrote a long story in Spanish, all divided into chapters, and at the end of each chapter he put "Adios, papa," or "Adios, mamá," or "Adios, to do," for he worked evenings, and when he had done a chapter he went to bed. This precious MS. he carried himself to a publisher, and with all the solemnity in the world he handed it up to the desk. It was accepted and paid for then and there, and Louis was not the least bit surprised. He put his money into a big pocketbook like an experienced man of business and walked away. He has now begun work on a volume of his travels, which will no doubt prove interesting.

Michael Zadora is only eight years old, but he has displayed such remarkable musical talent as to have called forth the encomiums of experienced pianists. He is a native of New York City, and lives with his father in one of the best of the city. When three years old he gave the first performance of his musical gift. Now he is capable of rendering intelligent and beautiful works of the great composers. His technique is Louis Torpette's marvelous, when it is taken into consideration that his little hands are unable to span an octave. With all his genius, Michael is a thorough boy, with a boy's love of play and much as he likes the piano the shouts of his playmates are sure to make him forsake the instrument and join them in their sports.

Not so Romantic as it Seemed. The big man was half-drunk, and when he leered at the young woman she tried to pass him on the extreme outer edge of the sidewalk. He stepped in front of her and she tried to pass to the other side of him. He was in front of her again and exclaimed: "Don't hurry, my pretty." She was about to turn and run when another man emerged from the shadow of a building. "Hold on here," he said. "What's the matter?" "None of your business," retorted the first man. "Well, we'll see," said the second. "You've been annoying this lady." "You've been annoying this lady," sneered the first. "Well, she isn't." "Or your sister." "Or your sister." "Or your sweetheart." "Never saw her before." "Or you're trying to make a mash, too, are you?" "The gentleman would have called the blow a 'beautiful' one, but the kick that followed it would certainly have been a 'foul'."

"O. SIM!" cried the young woman. "O. SIM!" cried the young woman. When the smoke of battle had cleared away, "I am home!" exclaimed her champion. "But, sir, you have—" "Go on home, I tell you, and don't be chasing around nights again," he interrupted. "But your noble action," she began again. "Noble nothing!" he interrupted again. "I've been watching for that man for six weeks, and it's the first time I've found him so drunk that I could smash him without getting the law."

Worst of it. Go on home! This was business, not romance. His heat was out of \$5.00. "He'll a cigar and snatched down the street with the air of a man who had settled an outstanding account. —Chicago Tribune.

Her Ball Dress a Little Stingy. Her ball dress was superb and she had put it on to show her business-like old father that he hadn't been cheated when he paid the bill.

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## "August Flower"

Perhaps you do not believe these statements concerning Green's August Flower. Well, we can't make you. We can't force conviction into your head or medicine into your throat. We don't want to. The money is yours, and the misery is yours; and until you are willing to believe, and spend the one for the relief of the other, they will stay so. John H. Foster, 1122 Brown Street, Philadelphia, says: "My wife is a little Scotch woman, thirty years of age and of a naturally delicate disposition. For five or six years past she has been suffering from Dyspepsia. She vomited, became so bad at last that she could not eat. Every Meal, down to a meal but as soon as she had eaten it. Two bottles of your August Flower have cured her, after many doctors failed. She can now eat anything, and enjoy it, and as for Dyspepsia, she does not know that she ever had it."

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